

Saint Raphael the Archangel

The Guide

A weekly newsletter for the school community

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From the Principal's Desk

Mrs. Kim Vangel

Dear St. Raphael School Families,

It's hard to believe that Lent has begun, but here we are! I hope that many of you will take advantage of the opportunity to renew your faith and parish community this coming week by attending the SRA Parish Mission. It truly promises to be a time of inspiration and hope!

Our school community is eagerly participating in the parish Lenten project to "Buy a Van" for the Queen of Peace Center (QOPC). Our first step was to use our annual Mission Carnival as the initial fundraiser for the project. The Mission Carnival is like a fun fair at the end of the school day on Fat Tuesday, with games of skill and chance going on in each classroom. Students purchase tickets ahead of time and then partner up to walk around the building and play games of their choice for about an hour, and win lots of donated kitschy little prizes that they love; the most popular stop is usually face painting with a line out the door! At the end of Mission Carnival, we collect all the unused tickets and put them into a raffle for gift cards to local popular spots. Many thanks to the parent volunteers, teachers, and prize donors for organizing and carrying out this fun event for a good cause!

Our 7th Graders are visiting QOPC on Friday, March 3rd to learn more about the mission of the Center, and to interact with some of the children whose mothers receive services there. After our 7th Graders come back, we will be creating an all-school fund-raising project to help "Buy a Van" and then to raise money specifically to help the children at QOPC. Stay tuned for more details...

We are busy making plans for next school year already, and will be adding a full-time Reading and Math Intervention Teacher to our faculty. I will begin advertising for this position very soon, but if you know of a dedicated teacher with reading and math specialization for struggling students, please ask him or her to contact me at vangel@straphaelarchangel.org. We have found some of our best teachers and staff through your connections, so please help us out again if you can.

On a bittersweet note, our Recess Coordinator, Mrs. Angela Cierpiot has notified me that she will be leaving her position at SRA effective Friday, March 17th. Angela has been discerning how to re-enter the business world and now has a wonderful opportunity to do so; we will miss her consistent presence and guidance at our recess times, and we thank her so much for her service to our school. As one parent recently emailed me... *"I just wanted to drop you a note to tell you how much I appreciate Angela and the role she plays at recess. I couldn't understand her role when it was announced but now that I've done recess duty a few times I see the benefit of having a CONSISTENT adult out there every day. She gets to know our kids and therefore she can monitor bullying and unkindness. She sees what the kids need and can intercede for them (new balls, soccer nets, etc). And the sacrifice she makes by being there! Anyway- thank you for having her there. I hope she stays."* We hope to find a replacement for Angela as our Recess Coordinator for the remainder of this school year as well as moving forward. If you or someone you know would be interested in accepting this challenging (yet rewarding!) position, please ask him or her to contact me at vangel@straphaelarchangel.org as soon as possible. Like all Catholic School positions, no one gets rich doing this work, but it is gratifying beyond measure!

Please pray for the success of the SRA Parish Mission, and for a reflective and peaceful Lent for us all.

Peace,
Kim Vangel
Principal



Daily Mass Time:
8:00am Grades K - 8
Monday - Thursday



All School Mass
8:00am
March 9, 2017
6th Grade Planning

Stations of the Cross
Friday 2:00pm
During Lent

Benediction 2:00pm
First Friday of the
month



March Birthdays

Shane Grippi-2
Margaret Anstey-2
Liam Alisic-3
Jenna Holik-4
Liam Kunderman-6
Peyton Sorth-10
Max Sarich-11
Miss Imo-21
Ava Stolte-22
Owen Abbott-23
Charles Dirnbeck-23
Miranda Sullenger-25
Cillian Sheehan-25
Miss Woods-26

March 3 – Black & Gold Accessory Day
 March 3 – 8:40-10:30am Healthwork Museum Field Trip
 (6-7-PK) QOPC Visit - 7th Grade
 March 3 – 2:00pm Stations of the Cross
 March 6-10 - Canned Food Drive
 March 6 - 3:15-5:00pm STEAM Club K-3
 March 7 - 2:00pm Stop, Drop & Jump event—outside
 Rain Schedule inside-PK 9-10am K & 1 12:05-1:10pm
 2 & 3 1:30-2:30pm
 March 7 - 3:15-5:00pm STEAM Club 4-8
 March 8 - 3:15-4:30pm SRA Schola Rehearsal
 March 9 – 3:15-4:15pm Chess Club
 March 10 – End of Third Quarter
 March 10 - 2:00pm Stations of the Cross
 March 10 – 3:00-11:30pm Lock In for Upper Grades
 March 13 – No School K-8 Records Day for Teachers
 Preschool is open
 March 14 – Spring Picture Day
 March 15 – 8:00-4:00 8th Grade Holocaust Field Trip
 March 15 - 3:15-4:30pm SRA Schola Rehearsal
 March 16 – 3:15-4:15pm Chess Club
 March 17 - 2:00pm Stations of the Cross
 March 17 - Report Cards open on ALMA
 March 19 – 10:00am Family Mass Donut Sunday
 March 20 – Bishop Dubourg Shadow Day 6th & 7th Graders
March 20-24 SPRING BREAK K-8 Preschool is open
 March 27 – 3:15-5:00pm STEAM Club K-3
 March 28 - 3:15-5:00pm STEAM Club 4-8
 March 29 - 3:15-4:30pm SRA Schola Rehearsal
 March 30 – 3:15-4:15pm Chess Club
 March 31 - 8:30am-1:30pm 1st Grade Field Trip to
 Missouri Botanical Gardens & Tower Grove Park

Seventh Graders are in charge of safety patrol at the corner of Bishops Place and Highfield. Students should arrive by 7:30 in the morning and again in the afternoon at 3:10.

Thank you! **3rd quarter patrol schedule:**

Week of March 6th

Ellie & Will K.
Ardian & Anna



RECESS/LUNCH DUTY

Want to spend an hour during the day helping out at recess or lunch duty at St. Raphael? We would love your assistance! The times of lunch and recess are as follows: 11:10am Preschool goes to lunch—11:15-11:40am (K-3) - 11:45-12:05pm Lunch (4-8). All volunteers must have completed their Protecting God's Children requirements. If you can help, please email Lori Stawizynski at loristaw76@yahoo.com

Monday, March 6 Marti F. & Danielle C.
Tuesday, March 7 Stephanie K. & Nicole R.
Wednesday, March 8 Missy W. & Patrick J.
Thursday, March 9 Kristina C. & Linda K.
Friday, March 10 Gary P. & Ashley L.



KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION

The process for the 2017-2018 Kindergarten registration is now open. Children who are to be registered must be 5 years old by July 31, 2017. If you are interested in touring our school or would like to request a packet of information and the registration form you will need to complete, please call the school office at 314-352-9474. Registration packets may also be mailed if requested.



Edward J. Naeger, Sr. and Karen (Jones) Naeger Scholarship Opportunity

Two scholarships will be awarded for the 2017-2018 school year- one for St. John Vianney High School and one for Nerinx Hall High School. Each scholarship is for \$1,000 and is based on community service that you have completed. This is open to 8th graders through juniors in high school who will be attending either of these schools for the 2017-2018 school year and meet the criteria. For more information and to apply, please go to http://naegerins.com/scholarship_information

Hello! My name is Grace and I am in Seventh Grade. For my Service Project this year, I am collecting aluminum tab tops which are the aluminum tops found on the tops of aluminum soda cans. These are for the Ronald McDonald House of St. Louis. The Ronald McDonald house helps those in faraway cities who are in need health care in St. Louis. It is also a place for families who need a place to stay near the hospital. The Ronald McDonald house takes the tabs to a recycling company and the recycling company gives back 100% of themoney. I have set up some containers by the main office for you to drop off any donations you have. I will be doing this project from September 19th 2016 to March 19th 2017. Thank you for your generosity and remember to bring in your tab tops.



Mrs. Diane Gewinner: Learning Consultant

MOTIVATING THE CHILD WITH ATTENTION DEFICIT DISORDER

By: Rick Lavoie

One of the factors that can have a substantial impact on a child's academic performance and his/her degree of motivation is ADD. This debilitating disorder affects the child's ability to focus and control their behavior. The ADD child needs stimulation to be able to function. If the child is not provided with stimulation, they will create stimulation by acting out or disrupting their environment in some way. They are not doing this for any negative reason. They create excitement because they need it. Success in school requires modifications and adjustments to the learning environment. When you consider the skills and abilities of the ADD child, they will see school success.

ADD SYMPTOMS THAT INTERFERE IN THE CLASSROOM:

- Impulsivity
- Hyperactivity
- Organizational skills
- Low frustration level
- Inability to learn from experiences
- Impaired sense of time
- Difficulty with sequencing, prioritizing, analyzing
- Memory deficits

Vianney welcomes 7th graders interested in being a Griffin to take a shadow visit during March and April! Students will be paired up with a current Griffin, experiencing our innovative and hands-on curriculum, Family Spirit and the world famous lunch in the Griffins' Cafe.

To sign up online: Go to our [Visit Vianney](#) page and check out the online calendar. Once you find the open date that works for you, scroll down, and click on the "Schedule a Visit" icon. There, you can fill out the online form and submit it! You'll receive a call from our admissions office to confirm your day.

If parents have questions or would like a tour from our Admissions Director, you can set that up by calling Monica Sabatino at [314-965-4853](tel:314-965-4853) ext. 134 or via email at msabatino@vianney.com.



Mrs. Peggy Martin: Physical Education & Art Grades Pk-3

Hello to all.

The children are working hard jumping and running to exercise their hearts. Today the children listened to their active heartbeats with stethoscopes.

Tuesday, March 7th is Jump Rope for Heart at 2:00 pm. Thank you to the three volunteers coming to help. It will be a fun hour of jumping rope and hula hooping. Feel free to join us.



Mr. John Bruno: Physical Education—Grades 3-8

This past week the students continued in the fun rhythm activity called Tinikling. They worked in three small groups developing a few two step movements. Many of them really seemed to enjoy it. I believe students working in small group activities is important. They learn to work with their fellow classmates and come up with creative and problem solving ideas. I remind the students at the end of each of my classes what the purpose is of the activity that we performed that day. We have a couple more weeks of these activities before we begin our Spring PE classes. Our school year is flying along.



Miss Molly Preschool Room A

Hello everyone. I hope you all had a nice week. In Preschool A, the children are working on their Math. The kids worked on graphing and tracing big numbers on the floor. They are making roads with numbers that they have to follow to get to the next street, and rolling dice and counting the dots. We have done a lot of counting!



The children received ashes this week and were wonderful in church at Ash Wednesday Mass. If you see any of them, please give them a high five! The children had fun at the Mission Carnival and had a blast dancing in Ms. Polson's room. Thank you to all the parents who came to help us with the carnival.

Thank You and God Bless

Miss Chris Preschool Room B

Our theme this week has been Dr. Seuss, since it is 'S Week' and his birthday was this Thursday. We have had a splendid time reading all of his silly stories, seeing his super smart creatures, hearing the rhyming sounds in his stories and spending time creating sensational art projects. We also have been talking about the story of the Good Samaritan in our Jesus Club.



Kindergarten News: Miss Abby Morris & Mrs. Doyle

The students had a blast at our Mission Carnival yesterday! This week we are celebrating Dr. Seuss' birthday! The students have been busy doing activities that focus on his crazy stories.



First Grade News: Mrs. Louise Balicki-Smith

Ash Wednesday was a big day for First Grade. We began our day by celebrating Mass as a whole school. So many members of the community were also there. Students learned the meaning behind the ashes we receive. We also talked about why the Alleluia is not sung during mass and "buried the Alleluia" where it will stay for the 40 days of Lent. We participated in a beautiful Lenten reflection and will continue this each week until Easter. You can share in this reflection with us by using this link:



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=igHfCnkbwAk>

First grade will spend a lot of time learning the meaning and practices of Lent in preparation for Easter. We learn that there is so much more to our Catholic faith and this season than chocolate bunnies, peeps and jelly beans (though these treats are pretty great)!

Second Grade News: Miss Stephanie Amsler

This week Second Grade has started learning some tips and tricks to writing using Handwriting Without Tears. We learned about the letter K. Did you know letter K has a story behind it? Ask a Second Grader what the story of letter K is and have them write a beautiful 'K' for you. The letter story about 'K' helps students form a letter that has straight lines and is consistent each time it is written.



In Math we are continuing our work with word problems. We are working with word problems that have multiple steps. Some may require us to add and subtract to get the answer to the question.

Pray for us this Lenten season as we continue to prepare for the Sacrament of Holy Communion.

Third Grade News: Ms. Susan Polson

Third Grade loved the Mardi Gras/Fat Tuesday Mission Carnival games and had fun raising money for a good cause. We drew a Lenten Journey path and will be placing our 40 little hearts/footprints along the path, all the while remembering our sacrifices. Mrs. Vangel taught us some new songs in church for our Ash Wednesday celebration. In class we read a Choose Your Own Adventure called *Westward Expansion*; it was a fun interactive history adventure. We will begin reading about the Gold Rush in California. For Math we continue relating multiplication to division in a variety of ways.



Miss Patti Woods: Social Studies, Science, English (4-5)

In Fourth Grade Science we are learning about waterways. We had lots of fun using our force and motion knowledge and putting it to the test on the ramps with friction and no friction. In Social Studies we continue our studies on Lewis and Clark and the Westward Expansion. We are also learning about civil rights through the movie Ruby Bridges. In English we are learning about antecedents and relative pronouns.

In Fifth Grade Science we are learning about the landforms across the United States, especially in Missouri. In Social Studies we are working on the concepts of scarcity, interest, profit and supply and demand. In English we continue in our work on Pronouns.

Miss Amanda Imo: Reading, Math (4-5)

Fifth Grade: The Fifth Graders are working on reviewing what they learned about the Sacraments of Healing. During Math the students are learning how to add and subtract mixed numbers. The students have started a new Book Club book this week. I have already heard the groups making predictions and explaining what they think as they read. All students should be working on their Historical Figure Project that is due Thursday, March 8th.

Fourth Grade: The Fourth Graders have done a great job comparing fractions and making equivalent fractions. They have learned various strategies and are able to prove why their answer works. The Fourth Graders are also enjoying reading *Shiloh*. We discussed what suspense in a story means and the students definitely were feeling the suspense when the author stopped the chapter with a huge cliff-hanger!

Mrs. Christy Connor: Social Studies & Religion (6-7-8)

English:

Grades Six, Seven and Eight are continuing their work with verbs. Students in Grade Six are learning how to form irregular verbs. Students in Grades Seven and Eight are working with verbs in the active voice and passive voice.

Social Studies:

In Grade Six students continue their study of ancient Egypt. They are learning about the different lifestyles in the upper and lower classes.

Grade Seven students will be working on research about the Lewis and Clark Expedition. They will be creating a power point presentation on this topic.

Grade Eight students continue to work with the different aspects of the civil rights movement in the United States. This will include immigrants who came from Mexico and Asia as well as the indigenous people of the United States.

Mrs. Laura Berns: Science (6-7-8) Standard Math (6-7-8)
Miss Ashley Schaaf: Science (6-7-8) Challenge Math (6&7) Algebra 8

MATH:

-In 6th Grade Standard Math we are calculating area and perimeter of regular and irregular polygons and volume of rectangular and triangular prisms.

-6th Grade Challenge Math is finishing up the chapter on rates and proportions. They are testing on Wednesday.

-In 7th Grade Standard Math students are calculating taxes, tips and discounts and percent increase and decrease.

-7th Grade Challenge Math is continuing their introductory unit on geometry. They are exploring angle measures and lines.

-In 8th Grade Standard Math students are continuing to investigate the properties of exponents. They will have a DIGI later this week.

-8th Grade Challenge Math is finishing up the chapter on exponents and exponential functions. They are entering Chapter 9, which covers polynomials.

SCIENCE:

6th Grade is reviewing the differences between vertebrate and invertebrate animals.

7th Grade just completed Chapter 4, Ocean Motion.

8th Grade is continuing with Chapter 1 over Cells. They are exploring cell parts and compounds, as well as their interactions with the environment.

Mrs. Jennifer Runiewicz: Literature (6-7-8)

Literature: 6th grade: Daniel has made it to Lodz and has joined a Hitler Youth Group. Students are learning how characters develop through the novel and how other characters affect those changes. 7th grade is working on finding various forms of figurative language throughout their novel, including simile, metaphor, hyperbole, personification and understatement. 8th grade is working on their interpretation of how "We will never forget" the events that occurred at the Nazi camps during the Holocaust. Throughout their reading, students are learning to compare and contrast different experiences the characters of each novel encountered, how to actively participate in literary group discussions, and to effectively present information citing evidence from the text.

Vocabulary Workshop schedule should be taped/stapled to their vocabulary book cover or in their assignments books. I've also shared the schedule with each of them on Google Drive. Our Unit 11 spelling a vocabulary test will be Friday, March 3rd.

Religion: 6th - The Period of Judges - the influence of Canaan on the Israelites

Religion: 7th - Confirmation - Placing the Church first in our lives

Religion: 8th - The influence of the Church during medieval times

Mrs. Kim Westrich: Art

Seventh Grade students reflected on the Studio Habit of "Understanding the Art World." Students analyzed how responses to art are influenced by understanding the time and place in which the art was created, available resources and cultural uses by looking at artwork from Albrecht Durer. Durer made intaglio prints of animals he had seen earlier or only heard about from others. Since the animals were not present for direct reference at the time he created the art, some inaccuracies were incorporated. We discussed how knowing whether or not he had direct reference to his subject influenced our opinions of his work.

STUCO

Thank you for your participation in the Mission Carnival. Due to your generosity, we raised \$815 to donate to Queen of Peace Center.

March 1 - April 13 - Lenten Mission Project - Queen of Peace Center

March 6-10 - Canned Food Drive





A Night at the

SRA Mouse Races

Saturday, April 1, 2017

Benefitting the SRA 8th Grade Class

**Beer and Soda Provided!
Raffle Prizes!**

Location: St. Raphael Gym

6000 Jamieson Ave

St. Louis, MO 63109

Doors open at 6:30

Races begin at 7:00

Coolers and Food welcome

Contact: Jess at lenzenjm@gmail.com

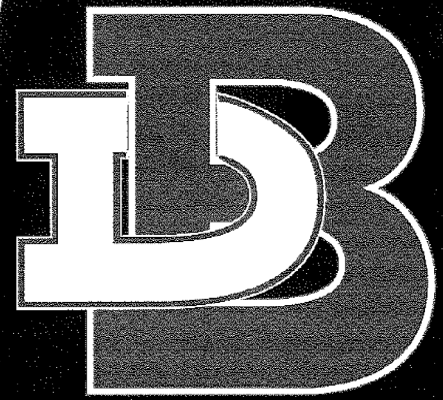


**\$15 per Person \$150 per Table
check payable to SRA**

Table Name: _____ \$ Amt Enclosed: _____

Attendees:

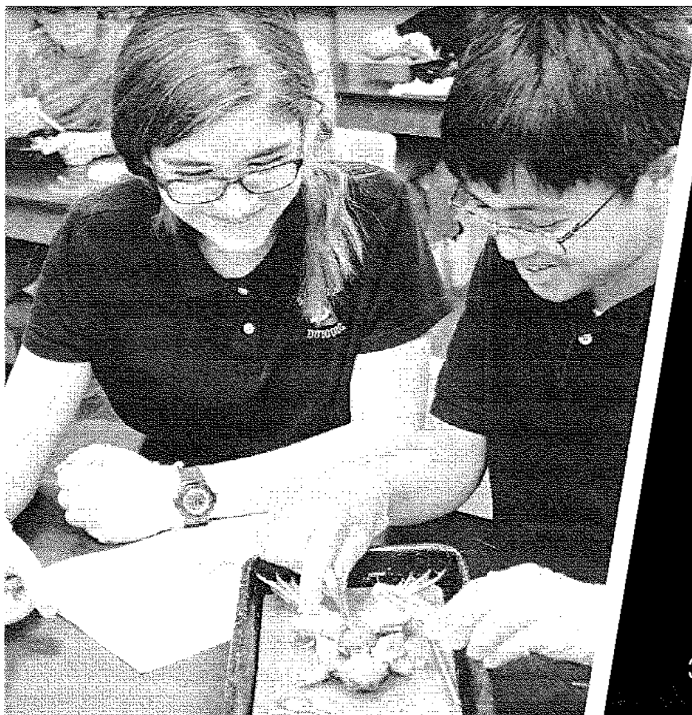
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BISHOP DUBOURG SHADOW DAY



St. Catherine
Labouré School



Monday, March 20, 2017

For 6th & 7th grade students!

- Attend classes with a DB ambassador
- Have lunch with new friends
- Learn about DB clubs and sports
- Tour the school campus
- Meet and talk with DB teachers
- Discover if DB is the high school for you!

Questions?

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